

## Combined Standing Committees Meet AAMVA's The Week In Review For October 15, 2013

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The Driver, Enforcement, and Vehicle standing committees gathered at AAMVA headquarters last week. Over several productive days, the committees discussed goals and made plans for what to work on in the coming year. Hear from some of our committee members directly in this video!



### AAMVA Webinar Series: Legalization of Marijuana - Highway Safety Implications

[Register now](#) for our October webinar, Legalization of Marijuana - Highway Safety Implications, next Wednesday, October 16, 2013, 2:00 - 3:00 PM (EST). Legalization of marijuana in Colorado and Washington has forced both states to navigate uncharted territory. These laws were implemented before they were able to fully promulgate the rules and regulations governing the legal production, sale, and use of marijuana, and conflict with current federal laws and regulations. On the traffic safety side, law enforcement and prosecutors are dealing with both expected and unforeseen consequences of legalized marijuana and its affect on highway safety. Hear from Courtney Popp, Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor for the State of Washington on some of the steps taken to mitigate the negative traffic safety effects of these laws. [Register today to join in on the discussion.](#)

### DC DMV - Central Issuance and New DL and ID

DC DMV is changing how it issues driver licenses and identification cards. Beginning on Tuesday, November 26, 2013, DC DMV is moving to a central issuance process. Driver licenses and identification cards will no longer be issued over the counter. At the time of service, District residents will receive a temporary, paper license or identification card that will be valid for 45 days. The new credential will be mailed to the customer. Additionally, the new driver license and identification card have been redesigned. As industry best practices, the new process and look will decrease fraud. Detailed information about the upcoming changes are available in DC DMV's [brochure](#).

### The CCMTA 2014 Call for Presentations is Now Open

The 2014 CCMTA Annual Meeting will be held from May 25-28 in Toronto, Ontario. The theme of this year's meeting is Transportation Tomorrow! Modernize. Measure. Connect. The call for presentations is an opportunity to collaborate by showcasing your road safety initiatives that contribute to our theme and the advancement of road safety in Canada.

Click here for a direct link to the [2014 Call for Presentations page](#).

### National Organizations for Youth Safety (NOYS) Announces Appointment of New Executive Director

The Board of Directors of National Organizations for Youth Safety is pleased to announce that Anita B. Boles has been named Executive Director. Ms. Boles will lead the organization in its efforts to promote youth empowerment and leadership through partnerships that promote safe and healthy lifestyles among all youth. Boles has an extensive background in building and managing coalitions in the non-profit sector. Boles replaces Sandra Spavone who led the organization for seven years before leaving to become the Executive Director of Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA.) For more information, visit [NOYS.org](http://NOYS.org)

### **Study: Males Downplay Risk of Texting and Driving**

US research reveals that 4 out of 5 college student drivers have used their cell phones to send or receive text messages while driving despite the majority recognizing that the activity represents a risk. Garold Lantz and Sandra Loeb of the McGowan School of Business, at King's College, in Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania, found that male drivers are more likely to engage in texting while driving but consider themselves more proficient drivers than others and so less likely to endanger themselves or others while doing so. Analysis indicates 'texting impulsiveness' is positively associated with people who text frequently and those who text while driving, the team reports in the International Journal of Sustainable Strategic Management this month. For more information, visit [here](#).

### **AAA: Fall and Early Winter Comprise the Deadliest Time of the Year for Pedestrians**

Daylight saving time doesn't officially end until November 3, but it's already the most dangerous time of the year on area roads for pedestrians and cyclists. The number of collisions with pedestrians tends to spike during the shorter days that fall brings to the Washington metro region. It's a time of year when there is less daylight, but the weather pattern is still pleasant enough to draw walkers, workers, joggers, and cyclists out and about at twilight and before daybreak. The trouble is they are often wearing darker clothing to ward off the chill in the air, making it far harder for them to be seen in the dusk and dew. Although pedestrian crashes are similar in distribution across the months of the year in Maryland, the state experiences an "increase in pedestrian fatalities in the months of October through December, compared to all crashes statewide," according to the Maryland State Highway Administration Safety Information Database. The same pattern holds true across the Greater Washington area, warns AAA Mid-Atlantic. For more information, visit <http://midatlantic.aaa.com/PGA/NewsReleases>.

### **NHTSA Finds More Than a Third of Children Killed in Crashes Were Not in Car Seats or Wearing Seat Belts**

According to the Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), more than a third of children under age 13 who died in passenger vehicle crashes in 2011 were not in car seats or wearing seat belts. NHTSA is highlighting the important safety benefits associated with the proper use of car seats, booster seats, and seat belts. For more information, visit [nhtsa.gov](http://nhtsa.gov).